

HOUSE RESOLUTION 133
By Head

A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Maurice Sanders upon earning his general equivalency diploma.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who have overcome numerous obstacles to achieve their lifelong dreams; and

WHEREAS, One such noteworthy citizen is Maurice Sanders, who recently earned his general equivalency diploma (GED) at 62 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sanders has battled cerebral palsy his entire life, but he refused to let the disease prevent him from achieving his primary goal of earning a high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sanders resides at a supportive living home in Nashville; he attended classes at the Pearl Cohn Adult Learning Center for four years to earn his GED and subsequently participated in the graduation ceremony at the Center; and

WHEREAS, Renowned among his family, friends and peers for his outstanding work ethic, Mr. Sanders also attends the New Horizons Workshop in Nashville, where he works alongside other courageous people who excel in life, despite their disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sander's family recently hosted a reception in honor of his graduation at the Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation; and

WHEREAS, On this joyous occasion, which featured many decorations and pictures of Mr. Sanders in his cap and gown, Maurice presided happily over the large crowd of family and friends, as he gave thanks for the present and eagerly anticipated the future; and

WHEREAS, Standing by his side, just as she has for his entire life, was Maurice's mother, Bernice Sanders, who is understandably quite proud of her son and his many accomplishments in the face of adversity; his father, the late Bob Sanders, looks down proudly upon his son from Heaven; and

WHEREAS, Maurice Sanders epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Maurice Sanders for his most recent accomplishment and his ongoing commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Maurice Sanders upon earning his general equivalency diploma and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we thank Mr. Sanders for the fine example he provides for his fellow citizens of this great state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.